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TOMORROW'S FORECAST

- * The House will reconvene for its 5th Legislative Day on Friday, January 13 at 9:00 am.
- * Only one bill is expected to be debated on the floor: HB 978

GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**DAILY REPORT****THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2006****LEGISLATIVE DAY# 4****TODAY ON THE FLOOR**

Speaker of the House Glenn Richardson gaveled the House into session today, at 10:00pm, for the fourth legislative day of the 2nd Session of the 148th General Assembly.

DEBATE CALENDAR**SB 84 - Polls; change forms of identification**

- This bill provides for a free "Georgia Voter Identification Card" to be issued to individuals wishing to vote that do not have another form of photo identification. Further, it requires each of the 159 county board of registrars to provide at least one place in that county to receive applications and issue the identification cards.
- Authored by: Sen. Cecil Staton
- House Committee: Government Affairs
- Rules Committee: Modified-Structured
- Rep. Barry Fleming presented the bill to the House
- Amendment(s): AM 28-0628: This amendment requires that the State Election Commission maintains the equipment and hardware to produce the voter ID cards.
- Y: 110 N: 64
- *Due to the Senate version of the bill being amended by the House, the bill will now be sent back to the Senate for its Agreement or Disagreement with the new version. If the Senate disagrees, then a Conference Committee will be appointed to negotiate a final version.*

* The House will reconvene Friday, January 13 at 9:00 am for its 5th Legislative Day of the 2nd Session of the 148th General Assembly.

RULES COMMITTEE

The Committee on Rules today has fixed the calendar for the 5th Legislative Day, Friday, January 13, as enumerated below, and can be called at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House.

DEBATE CALENDAR

Open Rule

HB 978 - Capitol Art Standards Commission; create

- The bill creates the Capitol Arts Standards Commission. The commission would be comprised of nine

members who understand and appreciate art.

- Authored by: Rep. Calvin Hill
- Committee Action: Do Pass

**** The Rules Committee will next meet on Friday, January 13 at 8:00 am to set the Debate Calendar for the 6th Legislative Day.***

COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

Appropriations-Health Subcommittee

Initial Budget Hearings

Education Committee

Met to assign bills to subcommittees.

Judiciary-Civil Committee

HB 804 - Barratry; Code section; repeal

- Repeals the Barratry Code.
- Authored by: Rep. David Ralston
- Committee Action: Do Pass

HB 960 - Urban Redevelopment Law; moratorium upon the exercise of eminent domain; statement of legislative findings and intent; provide

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 61 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Urban Redevelopment Law," so as to provide for a moratorium upon the exercise of the power of eminent domain for purposes of urban development; to provide for exceptions; to provide a statement of legislative findings and a statement of intent; to provide for conflicts; to provide for severability; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
- Authored by: Rep. Steve Davis
- Committee Action: Do Pass by Amendment

SB 25 - Divorce; change time limit; effect on children; require education classes

- Relates to divorce, so as to require certain divorcing parents to participate in education classes that focus on the effect of divorce and separation on children; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for the types of persons who can provide the education; to provide for exceptions to the education classes; to change the time limit for granting a divorce on the grounds that the marriage is irretrievably broken; to provide for different time frames for granting divorce based on certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
- Authored by: Sen. Mitch Seabaugh
- Committee Action: Do Pass by Amendment

SB 153 - Public Records; educational facilities; open to inspection as other agencies

- Relates to inspection of public records, so as to make the records of educational facilities that employ campus policemen and that relate to such police duties, activities, and functions open to inspection in the same manner as other records of public agencies; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
- Authored by: Sen. David Adelman
- Committee Action: Do Pass

Natural Resources & Environment Committee

Met to assign bills to subcommittees, and to amend committee rules for web-streaming

State Institutions & Property

HB 692 - Probation; terms and conditions; amend

- Relating to the state-wide probation system, so as to change certain provisions relating to terms and conditions of probation.
- Authored by: Rep. Ellis Black
- Committee Action: Do Pass

**The other issue today was discussion on Prison Industry Enhancement program (PIE). Brian Owens, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of DOC will be speaking.*

Transportation Committee

Met to assign bills to subcommittees

** Committee action reports are edited for this report. For full content, please contact the House Committee Services Office at 404-656-3206. Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are then placed on the General Calendar for Rules Consideration.*

FRIDAY'S FULL COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

8:00 AM RULES COMMITTEE
341 CAP

For full agendas, please visit the General Assembly website, select House Committees.

** This meeting schedule is set as of 5:00pm today. Times and locations may change at the request of the Committee Chairman.*

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